the coast. In the second stage, a "Cyclone Warning" is issued 24 hours in advance of the Cyclones anticipated landfall. The ports are warned by means of a Special Port Warning Service. Warnings for Fisheries Officials and Ports start much earlier. Informatory messages are issued to All India Radio and Doordarshan for broadcast/telecast right from the time when occurrence of cyclonic conditions is observed.

Flood warnings are provided by the Central Water Commission (CWC) of the Ministry of Water Resources through a network of 157 flood forecasting stations on various interstate rivers of the country. Warning time at the existing stations varies from Station to Station between 6 hours and 36 hours.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Meteorological Observational network, especially in the coastal areas, is being strengthened and the INSAT based Disaster Warning System (DWS) network available at present on Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu Coasts, is being expanded.

Revival of Political Process in J&K

233. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a move has been initiated for the revival of political process in the State of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether any talks in this regard has been held with Dr. Farooq Abdulla; and

(c) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) Discussions have been held with political leaders of the state including Dr. Farooq Abdullah. Govt. have highlighted its willingness to talk to any one but the solution will have to be within the framework of the constitution and without any compromise on the integrity and sovereignty of the country.

Govt. is prepared to provide assistance/security to political leaders in their efforts to revive their normal political activities.

Sinking of Sea Ward Defence Boat "INSDB-57" deployed in Palk Bay

234. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARATY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Sea Ward Defence Boat "INSDB-57" of the Indian Navy Coast Guard Force, deployed for patrolling on the Palk Bay sank sometime in December, 1990;

(b) if so, what are the details of the inquiry conducted into the circumstances leading to the sinking of the vessels; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI LALIT VIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) A Sea-Ward Defence Boat deployed for patrolling the Palk Bay had dragged her anchor and run aground on the night of 11th/12th December, 1990 due to rough weather. The boat was later hauled out and is presently berthed in Visakhapatnam. There were no casualties/injuries during this incident. A Board of Inquiry has been instituted to assess the damage to the vessel and to establish the causes of the incident. The report of the Board of Inquiry is awaited.